IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
    LARRY ZHAO
    JEREMY MARTIN
    HARTMUT RUELKE

Serial No.: 10/717,122

Filed: November 19, 2003

For: DIELECTRIC BARRIER LAYER FOR A
    COPPER METALLIZATION LAYER
    HAVING A VARYING SILICON
    CONCENTRATION ALONG ITS
    THICKNESS

Confirmation No.: 7303

Examiner: Alexander G. Ghyka

Group Art Unit: 2812

Att'y Docket: 2000.106900/DE0130

Customer No.: 23720

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. | Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 |

    a. ☐ Previously submitted

        i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____.
           (Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

        ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

        iii. ☐ Other:

    b. ☒ Enclosed

        i. ☒ Amendment/Reply   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
        ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations   iv. ☐ Other _____

2. | Miscellaneous |

    a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) **required**)

    b. ☐ Other _____

3. | Fees | The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

    a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786/DE0130:

        i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
        ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
        iii. ☐ Other:_____

    b. ☐ Check in the amount of $_____ enclosed

    c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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